

RECOGNITION

WHEREAS, the citizens of our region have come together to conserve one of the region’s most important resources—salmon; and

WHEREAS, the Snohomish River Basin Salmon Conservation Plan has been completed for Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) 7, which includes the Snoqualmie and South Fork Skykomish watershed; and

WHEREAS, this plan, which prioritizes actions to restore and protect salmon habitat, set a regional precedent by stating early on that support for sustainable agriculture was an important aspect of salmon recovery; and

WHEREAS, the plan is a model of collaboration between agriculture, tribes, business, government, scientists, and environmentalists, and represents a thoughtful process of incorporating diverse input and developing recommendations acceptable to many different stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of King County will benefit from the implementation of this plan through improved water quality, reduction of flood hazards, preservation of open space, and conservation of our region’s salmon legacy, thereby preserving the quality of life and contributing to the economic vitality of the Puget Sound Area; and

WHEREAS, all WRIA plans will be provided to the Shared Strategy coalition for inclusion in the Puget Sound Recovery Plan, which addresses the full geography of the Puget Sound and will be submitted to federal services for review this fall;

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Metropolitan King County Council, recognize

WRIA TEAMS

for without them, this plan could not have been a reality. We commend the team for their dedication to protecting our salmon and waterways and their service to the residents of the watershed.

DATED this twenty-sixth day of September, 2005.

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